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DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY FOR BROCKVILLE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT


TORONTO--Ontario Treasurer Larry Grossman announced today that discussions are underway between the province and Brockville for a proposed waterfront development.

Government Services Minister Robert Runciman, who is the MPP for Leeds, said the city had requested financial assistance from the Ontario government for an entire waterfront complex which would include a \$5-million, 100-room hotel, upgraded marina facilities and construction of commercial and retail space.

Runciman had presented the city's submission to Grossman, whose ministry is co-ordinating the discussions. In a letter to Brockville Mayor, S.J. Clark, the Treasurer said "the project appears to be a good one and holds considerable potential for stimulating local tourism development".

"I am very pleased to see initial discussions get underway," said Runciman. "This project could create over 200 direct jobs in the Brockville area as well as provide excellent facilities for recreational boat traffic on the St. Lawrence. In addition, it could provide Brockville with a first-class hotel which would be a a welcome boost for tourism."

While Runciman said no commitments had been made by the province yet, he is optimistic about the development's future.



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Our next step is to go out and get private-sector support for the project," Runciman said. "Once we have the necessary commitments, we can go back to the province with a complete financial package for final consideration."

Over the next several weeks, Runciman and city officials will be working together to identify potential private-sector investors and to further develop various elements of the proposed development. A revised submission for the provincial government should be completed this summer.

The waterfront proposal has been identified by the city as part of its new downtown master plan and if completed, would complement Brockville's strategic location for tourism development. Runciman said it would also provide local residents with an attractive waterfront area and downtown focal point which could attract additional investment in the area.

Provincial officials involved in negotiations with the city are from the Ministries of Treasury and Economics, Municipal Affairs and Housing and Natural Resources.

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PROVINCIAL FUNDING
FOR CANAL
IN KINGSTON AREA

KINGSTON--Ontario Treasurer Larry Grossman and Education Minister Keith Norton announced today that the government will contribute up to \$1.75 million towards the cost of re-opening the old Wolfe Island Canal.

Norton, MPP for Kingston and the Islands, said the new canal will attract tourists and recreational boaters to the area by providing a shorter, safer boat route to and from Kingston and New York State.

The province's contribution will be through the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD) chaired by Larry Grossman. The money will be used to help pay to dredge the new canal and construct a swing bridge designed to accommodate sail boats.

The estimated cost for widening the canal to its original width of 90 feet and building the bridge could total \$4.3 million.

Exact provincial funding is conditional on the financial participation of local and federal governments. Kingston and Frontenac County each have agreed to contribute \$400,000. Ottawa's share is expected to be \$1.75 million.

The new canal is expected to give the local economy a valuable boost and pave the way for new business opportunities on Wolfe Island. Norton said the new project will complement local efforts to expand tourism in the Kingston area and to attract more recreational boaters from the United States and other parts of Canada.

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GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTES
TO PRESCOTT MARINA

PRESCOTT--Ontario Premier Frank Miller announced today that the government will contribute \$895,000 towards the construction of a \$1.6 million marina in Prescott. The marina, which will take 125 boats when completed, is part of the town's \$5-million Heritage Harbour waterfront development.

The Premier commended both the local MPP Norm Sterling (Carleton-Grenville) and Prescott Mayor Sandra Lawn for their active support and efforts to obtain funds for the project.

As well as being a major boost for tourism in the area, the development will provide 57 permanent jobs and 151 construction and planning jobs.

Ontario's contribution will be through the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD) chaired by Treasurer Larry Grossman. Funding will be over three years with BILD providing \$20,000 this year, \$698,000 next year and \$177,000 in 1986-87.

The federal government is expected to contribute \$700,000 towards the cost of dredging and the construction of a breakwall.

The Heritage Harbour development also includes plans for a \$2.3-million, 32-unit Heritage Inn, restoration of the Toshack building, a landscaped waterfront park and improved access to Prescott's waterfront area.

The town of Prescott has already spent \$524,000 on its Heritage Harbour. This includes acquisitions of the Toshack building and other adjacent properties in the dock area and the funding of tourism strategy and waterfront concept plans.

Premier Miller said the new development will capitalize on Prescott's historic heritage as a river port, fort town and Loyalist settlement. The Heritage Harbour is immediately adjacent to Fort Wellington and Prescott's downtown area, which features many restored buildings and other tourist attractions.

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The Town of Prescott has already spent \$250,000 on the bridge project. This includes repaving of the bridge, installing the other adjacent properties to the bank area and the grading of various streets and adjacent property.

Prescott officials said the new development will stimulate the local economy as a result of the new jobs and increased tax revenue. The bridge is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The bridge will provide a direct link between the town and the surrounding area and will also provide a scenic view of the town.

For more information, contact the town of Prescott at (520) 442-7777.